

Defense Strategy Course

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Purpose of the DSC



- To improve student understanding about the role of the Department of Defense in the development of national security strategy.
- The focus of the course is the role DOD plays in the development of national security strategy within a complex and changing international environment.
- Course material addresses national security policy making processes and the relationship of the national elements of power to defense strategy.



Course Overview



 The USAWC has offered the DSC to U.S. Active and Reserve Component officers since 1984.

- Officers enrolling in the DSC must:
 - Have credit for CGSC/equivalent schooling (MEL-4)
 - Not be enrolled in or have completed a Senior Service College Program (MEL-1)



Course Overview (cont.)



- Six month online course offered twice per year with 100 students per course.
 - 50 Active Officers
 - 25 USAR Officers
 - 25 ARNG Officers
- Seminar grouped
- Individual effort
- Migrated from paper based in June 2003 to computer based interaction



Course Organization



Twenty eight lessons / five sections

Lesson 1 - Introduction / System configuration

Lessons 2 thru 5 - Strategic and Military Theory

Lessons 6 thru 12 - Foundations in International Relations and Political Science

Lessons 13 thru 21 - Defense in the United States

Lessons 22 thru 28 - Strategy at the



Student Evaluation

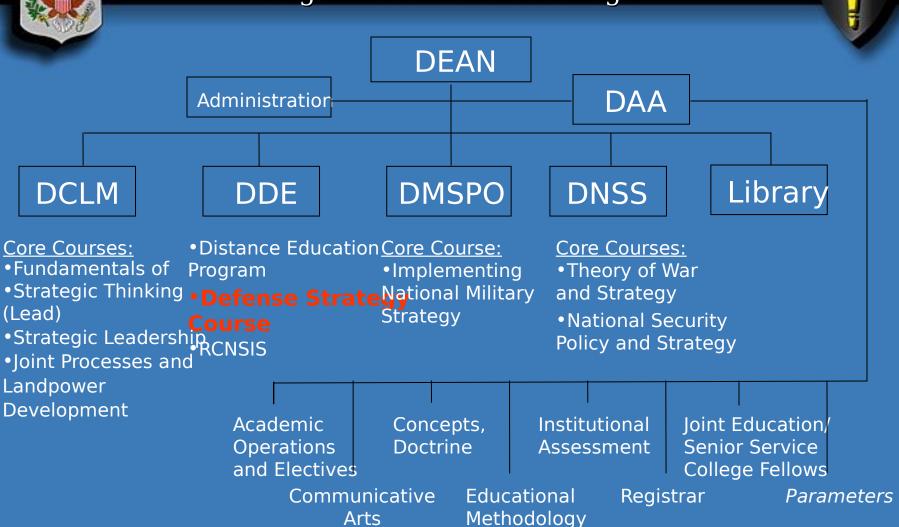


- Lesson forums
- Diagnostic quizzes
- Multiple choice exam
- Two written requirements



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Organization of the College



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Course Faculty/Administration

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- One USAR LTC (USAWC Graduate) evaluator = 16 hours per month, two weeks per year.
- Two part time GS-5 employees manage course material mailouts, student correspondence and communications with proponents regarding student issues.
- One LTC Director: course author, manage copyrights, communicate with students by phone and email,



Course Design Software



- 1. Dream Weaver Suite (Flash, Fireworks, create CFM and HTM files)
- 2. Sound Forge (creates audio files)
- 3. Adobe Acrobat Standard (create PDF's)
- 4. Toolbook (creates DHTML)
- 5. Graphics packages (Corel,



Potential To Experiment



- New communication
 Media
- Simulations
- Exercises



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QUESTIONS